

WASHINGTON NEWS  
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Former Representative Blackburn  
Is Doing Well Out in  
Oklahoma.

## GOVERNOR KITCHIN HOLDS ON

Many Foolish and Absurd Con-  
tests Come from the  
South.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
Washington, Dec. 21, 1908.  
Mr. D. Spencer Blackburn, a mem-  
ber of the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-  
ninth Congresses, is in the city. The  
North Carolina friends of Mr. Black-  
burn, and he has quite a number of  
them, will be glad to know that he  
is doing well at his new home, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma, where, with his wife and  
two children, he is planting himself  
carefully. His card reads: "Spencer  
Blackburn, attorney at law, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma." Mr. Blackburn never  
looked better in his life than he does  
now. He is in fine form, and seems  
to be prosperous and happy. For a  
week or more he has been in the cap-  
ital looking after some important mat-  
ters for clients.

"How are you getting on?" asked  
an old Tarheel friend of Mr. Blackburn.  
"Why, fine," was the reply. "I am  
working hard."

The skyrocket political career of Mr.  
Blackburn is a part of the history of  
North Carolina. He fought bravely and  
daringly, won, then lost, and suc-  
ceeded. The mountain people of  
his district liked him, and during his  
sojourn in Washington as their rep-  
resentative he made some very loyal  
friends, who are delighted to believe  
that he is again on his feet and suc-  
ceeding. Well-dressed, clear-eyed,  
erect, with hair beginning to turn gray  
about the temples, Mr. Blackburn is  
striking looking.

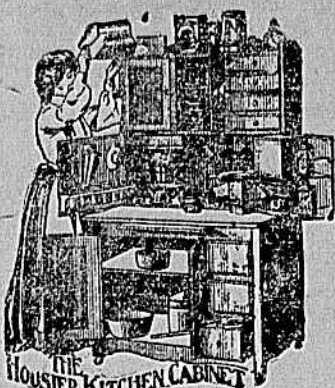
His attitude toward the world is  
that of an industrious, earnest man  
of affairs. For the time being he has  
quit politics, although during the re-  
cent campaign he was called upon to  
canvass his congressional district for  
the Republican candidate, who was  
elected. To-morrow or next day Mr.  
Blackburn will return to his family  
at Tulsa. During his stay in Wash-  
ington he has been the guest of Mr.  
Myron M. Parker, his father-in-law.

## Governor Kitchin Buys Dress Suit.

On the 11th of January next Mr.  
William Wallon Kitchin, of the Fifth  
North Carolina District, will cease to  
be a Representative in Congress. The  
following day he will be inaugurated  
Governor of his State. Some have  
jagged at Mr. Kitchin for holding on  
to his job up to the very last moment.  
But there is good reason for it, and  
a majority of the people, espe-  
cially his constituents, think that  
he is doing right. To have called an  
election to elect a successor to fill  
out his unexpired term seemed un-  
necessary to Governor Glenn and to  
the average man. Mr. Kitchin was  
elected to serve until March 4th, and  
therefore, his district is entitled to  
services and he is entitled to his  
salary so long as he can hold the pos-  
sion. No one with an unbiased mind  
will criticize the Governor-elect for  
his course in this matter.

There are many in North Carolina  
who do not consider Mr. Kitchin sin-  
cere in some of his positions on pub-

## Dear Mr. Husband:--



## Ask Your Wife

If she could possibly select for her-  
self a better Christmas gift than a

Hoosier  
Kitchen Cabinet

A present that outlasts anything  
else. Ask her to tell you the  
drudgery of her eternal tramp,  
tramp from the kitchen range to the  
kitchen table, from table to pantry  
and back again. Ask her how much  
time and labor she could save if she  
had all her supplies and utensils  
necessary to cooking at her fingers  
ends.

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lie questions. His colleagues in Con-  
gress say that he is a man of courage,  
integrity and good ability. His record  
here has been that of an honest, up-  
right citizen. It is to his credit that  
no stories of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
sort have been told on him, and that  
is more than many Southerners can  
say. His private life has been that of  
a frank, kind-hearted husband and  
father. After having spent ten years  
here he could truthfully say that he  
had not taken a drink, or as much as  
played a game of cards. He never  
owned a dress suit, and no doubt if  
he had not been elected Governor, his  
record on that line would have re-  
mained clean, but he must be inaugu-  
rated, and it is the custom on such  
occasions to wear the regulation suit,  
and the new Governor of the Old  
North State has ordered one.  
Newspapers men in Washington like  
Mr. Kitchin, for they have ever found  
him ready, if they sought it, to give  
his opinion on any matter concerning  
his official life. Unafraid, with an  
untainted personal life, he is willing

to stand up and be counted. Some  
say that he is a populist, but his  
friends declare that he is a friend of  
the people, that, and nothing more.

Mr. Kitchin has missed many roll-  
calls during his service in Congress,  
but other Democrats are in the same  
boat. Judge David A. DeArmond, one  
of the two or three very able men in  
the House, told me one day that he  
considered Mr. Kitchin one of the  
cleanest men in Congress. That is  
high praise, for Judge DeArmond is  
a stickler for purity in public life.

## Many Foolish Contests.

South Carolina has some very per-  
sistent negro politicians. For many  
years colored aspirants have contest-  
ed the elections of Palmetto Represen-  
tatives. Mr. A. F. Lever, of the Seventh  
South Carolina District, will have a  
contest this time. Jacob Moore, a  
negro attorney of Orangeburg, has  
served notice on him. Moore has be-  
come notorious in conducting such con-  
tests. The contestant is R. H. Rich-  
ardson, of Sumter county. He, it is  
said, was at one time secretary of  
George Washington Murray, when he

represented the Sumter District in  
Congress. It is alleged that on ac-  
count of the violation of the four-  
teenth and fifteenth amendments of  
the Federal Constitution 15,000 voters  
were deprived of their votes in the  
seventh district, and these would have  
cast their votes for Richardson. A  
new feature is introduced in the com-  
plaint this year, but Mr. Lever's at-  
torneys say there is nothing in it.  
It is alleged that the act of the  
South Carolina Legislature providing  
for a new enrollment and registration  
of the qualified electors in 1908 is un-  
constitutional, because it was not  
enacted within the time provided by  
the state constitution.

When asked what he thought of the  
contest Mr. Lever said: "I have nothing  
to say, but I am getting tired of  
these ridiculous contests. The Com-  
mittee on Elections has repeatedly  
held that this kind of contest is a con-  
stitutional question which should be  
passed on by the Supreme Court of  
the United States. The Constitution of  
South Carolina furnishes to every  
citizen a speedy method of reaching  
this court when he feels that he has  
been discriminated against. The present  
chairman of election committee No. 3  
has several times called attention to  
this matter, and it does seem that  
Congress should be relieved of the  
expense attaching to such contests. I  
do not fear the outcome, but it causes  
the expenditure of considerable time  
and money, and serves in a measure  
to handicap me in the discharge of  
my official duties."

It seems that the only way these  
foolish appeals can be stopped is for  
Congress to discontinue the payment  
of the \$2,000 allowance for expenses  
in the prosecution of the contests,  
except when it does appear that the  
contest is a bona-fide one.

Representative Legare, of the  
Charleston, S. C. district, has had a  
similar contest with a negro.

There is nothing more comical than  
these performances. A smart lawyer,  
generally a negro, starts the contest.  
He puts the contestant out to take  
affidavits from dummies, who swear  
they would have voted for him had  
they had an opportunity. After this  
is over the old bug comes on to Wash-  
ington, takes a rear seat in the House,  
and awaits developments. Republi-  
cans and Democrats are tired of it.  
Several districts in North Carolina  
could send up contestants in the same  
way.

It is rumored that Thomas J. Pence,  
Washington correspondent of the  
Raleigh News and Observer, would  
have charge of Democratic headquar-  
ters, to be established here by Chief-  
man Mack, of the National Committee.  
Mr. Pence did such good work at Chi-  
cago last summer and fall, that his  
services are in demand. He is out of  
the city at present. H. E. C. B.

STANDARD TIME IS  
DUE TO ONE PERSON

Caused Trinity Clock to Stop and  
Got All the Watches  
Together.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—  
"Standard time" is twenty-five years  
old. At noon on November 18, 1883,  
there was a general resetting of  
watches in the United States, Canada,  
Mexico and Cuba, and the four great  
time zones, one hour apart, into which  
the country is divided, came into being.  
Practically every one knows that there  
are four different standards of time  
prevailing in the United States—east-  
ern, central, mountain and Pacific time  
—but there are few that know that the  
adoption of this method of regulating  
time was due almost entirely to the  
efforts of one man, a New Yorker.

By general consent, the credit of this  
work of bringing order where chaos  
reigned before is given to W. F. Allen,  
secretary and treasurer of the Ameri-  
can Railway Association, and since  
1872 editor of the Official Railway  
Guide. In recognition of this achieve-  
ment, Allen is often referred to as  
"Father Time" or the "Father of Stand-  
ard Time." His is the distinction of  
having caused a greater change in the  
habits of the people in the United  
States and Canada than any other man  
now living.

Mr. Allen is the only man who ever  
lived that once caused Trinity clock to  
stop three and one-half minutes in  
the middle of the day, while thousands  
of persons stood around the corner of  
Wall Street and Broadway, in New  
York, watches in hand, waiting for the  
work which would show that it was  
exactly one o'clock in Washington,  
Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Bos-  
ton, Portland and Pittsburgh, 11 o'clock  
in Chicago, New Orleans and Omaha;  
10 o'clock in Laramie, Wyo., and Salt  
Lake City, and 9 o'clock in San Fran-  
cisco; it being 8 o'clock in St. Louis,  
Kansas City, St. Paul, San Juan, Porto  
Rico; 5 o'clock in London, and 1 A.  
M. the next day in Manila, Philippine  
Islands.

The day on which this almost world-  
wide revolution in measuring time took  
place was November 18, 1883. There  
are persons who will recall what ex-  
citement it caused at the time.

There were those who declared such  
a thing an outrageous and impertinent  
meddling with the affairs of the  
Almighty, and there was one clergyman  
in Charleston, S. C., who declared  
that his presumption on the part of  
punny humans to follow by some ter-  
rible visitation signifying the anger  
of the heavenly powers. The Charle-  
ston earthquake did follow soon after,  
and no doubt the worthy clergyman  
considered this a special fulfillment  
of his dire prophecy.

Previous to 1883 the methods of  
measuring time in the United States  
were so varied and so numerous as to  
be ludicrous. There were fifty differ-  
ent standards used in the United States  
from coast to coast, and on one road  
between New York and Boston, whose  
actual difference is twelve minutes,  
there were three distinct standards of  
time. Even small towns had two dif-  
ferent standards, one known as "town"  
or local time and the other "railroad"  
time. Naturally this condition of af-  
fairs caused endless complications, and  
railroad officials were harried to the  
point of despair in their efforts to  
make out time tables that could be  
understood by the lay public.

## FOR DOGS AND CATS.

Cincinnati Women Preparing Christmas  
Trees While Babies Are Starving.  
CINCINNATI, December 21.—Cincin-  
nati's pampered cats and dogs, that  
take the place of children in some of  
the fashionable homes on the hilltops,  
will have Christmas trees and all the  
trimmings this year. Society matrons  
will act as Santa Claus for their  
pets.

Mrs. George M. Exline, the leader in  
the movement, has publicly announced  
that she will trim up a Christmas tree  
for her pet poodles. The tree will be  
loaded with choice morsels to tempt  
the pups' appetites, motor goggles,  
fur-trimmed wraps, complicated toys,  
mountain sets, silver-backed brushes,  
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